

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Transportation Cabinet to erect signs in
2 Rockcastle County that proclaim Rockcastle County as the home of 2019 National Drive,
3 Chip, and Putt Champion Conner "Smoke" Ford.

4 WHEREAS, on April 7, 2019, Conner Ford won the Drive, Chip, and Putt National
5 Finals in the boys seven to nine division at Augusta National Golf Club; and

6 WHEREAS, Conner Ford is the son of John and Angie Ford and is a fourth grade
7 student at Mt. Vernon Middle School; and

8 WHEREAS, Conner Ford was given the nickname "Smoke" by his father's friend
9 because of his prodigious drives; and

10 WHEREAS, the Drive, Chip, and Putt competition was founded in 2013 by the
11 Masters Tournament, the United States Golf Association, and the PGA; and

12 WHEREAS, Conner Ford advanced from the local, sub-regional, and regional
13 competitions to earn a spot to compete in the Drive, Chip, and Putt National Finals,
14 beating thousands of participants in the process; and

15 WHEREAS, Conner Ford hit the golf ball over 200 yards to win the driving portion
16 of the competition at the National Finals; and

17 WHEREAS, Conner Ford sank a 30 foot putt to win the putting section of the
18 competition and to secure the overall title; and

19 WHEREAS, Conner Ford finished with 25 points overall, winning the driving and
20 putting sections, and placing fifth in chipping; and

21 WHEREAS, Conner Ford wants to be the first to win both the Drive, Chip, and Putt
22 National Finals and the Masters Tournament; and

23 WHEREAS, Conner Ford is also the quarterback on his football team, the pitcher
24 on his baseball team, and the shooting guard on his basketball team; and

25 WHEREAS, Conner Ford's success has brought honor to the Mt. Vernon, his
26 parents, younger siblings Cooper and Ella, and the whole golf community in Kentucky;

27 NOW, THEREFORE,

1 ***Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

2 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet is directed to honor Conner Ford by
3 placing honorary signs in Rockcastle County at mile marker 5 on Kentucky Route 461
4 that read "Home of Conner "Smoke" Ford, 2019 National Drive, Chip, and Putt
5 Champion." The signs shall be erected within 30 days of the effective date of this
6 Resolution and shall remain in place for at least one year from the date of their placement.